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## **EARLY NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 TRIPLE CROWN SERIES DUE SATURDAY**

*Nominations can be made online at [www.TheTripleCrown.com](http://www.TheTripleCrown.com)*

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2021)** – Early nominations for 3-year-old Thoroughbreds to become eligible to the 2021 Triple Crown series are due Saturday, Jan. 23 with a \$600 payment.

Nominations can be made online at [www.TheTripleCrown.com](http://www.TheTripleCrown.com) or by calling the Churchill Downs Racing Office at (502) 638-3825. Information regarding nomination forms to be mailed can also be found on [www.TheTripleCrown.com](http://www.TheTripleCrown.com).

The 2021 Triple Crown will begin with the 147<sup>th</sup> running of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) at 1 ¼ miles on Saturday, May 1 at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. The 146<sup>th</sup> running of the \$1 million Preakness (GI), its 1 3/16-mile second jewel, is set for Saturday, May 15 at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Md. The 153<sup>rd</sup> running of the \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes (GI), the series' 1 ½-mile final leg, is scheduled for Saturday, June 5 at Belmont Park in Elmont, N.Y.

Last year's Triple Crown attracted 369 nominations, 347 horses during the early phase and 22 horses during the late nomination phase.

Horses not nominated during the early phase can be made eligible between Jan. 24-March 29 with a \$6,000 payment. Any horse not nominated during the early or late phases can become Triple Crown eligible through payment of a supplemental nomination fee due at the time of entry for each Triple Crown race: the Kentucky Derby (\$200,000), Preakness (\$100,000) and Belmont (\$50,000).

Representatives accepting Triple Crown nominations for the host tracks include:

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- **Pimlico:** Racing Secretary **Jillian Sofarelli** at (800) 638-1859 or [Jillian.Sofarelli@marylandracing.com](mailto:Jillian.Sofarelli@marylandracing.com).
- **Belmont Park:** Vice President of Racing Operations **Martin Panza** at (718) 659-4241 or [mpanza@nyrainc.com](mailto:mpanza@nyrainc.com). ... Stakes Coordinator **Andrew Byrnes** at (718) 659-4217 or [abyrnes@nyrainc.com](mailto:abyrnes@nyrainc.com).

## **ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK**

Churchill Downs Racetrack ("CDRT"), the world's most legendary racetrack, has been the home of The Kentucky Derby, the longest continually held annual sporting event in the United States, since 1875. Located in Louisville, CDRT features a series of themed race days during Derby Week, including the Kentucky Oaks, and conducts Thoroughbred horse racing during three race meets in the Spring, September, and the Fall. CDRT is located on 175 acres and has a one-mile dirt track, a 7/8-mile turf track, a stabling area, and provides seating for approximately 60,000 guests. The saddling paddock and the stable area has barns sufficient to accommodate 1,400 horses and a 114-room dormitory for backstretch personnel. CDRT also has a year-round simulcast wagering facility. [www.ChurchillDowns.com](http://www.ChurchillDowns.com).

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